

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3650 - HB 3441**

February 5, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Makes various changes to the election laws, which includes extending voter registration through the 29<sup>th</sup> day before the election when the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the election falls on a Sunday, Saturday, or legal holiday; increasing the criminal penalty for making a false certification to acquire a voter registration list from a Class C misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of \$50 to a Class B misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of \$500; increases the compensation paid to election officials on election day from \$15 to \$50.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Revenue - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Expenditures\* - \$31,500/Every Two Years**

Assumptions:

- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Under the bill, poll worker compensation would be increased from a minimum of \$15 to a minimum of \$50. The average compensation statewide of a poll worker is \$80 per day.
- An estimated ten counties are currently paying poll workers an average of \$35.
- The affected ten counties would be required to increase the minimum poll worker pay an average of \$15.
- The average number of precincts in each of the affected ten counties is 15 precincts.
- The average number of poll workers at each of the precincts is estimated to be seven.
- There are two regularly scheduled elections every two years.
- The increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$15,750 per election (10 counties x 15 precincts x 7 poll workers x \$15 increase) resulting in an increase of \$31,500 every two years (\$15,750 x 2).

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more compact, stylized script, followed by "W." and "White" in a more legible but still cursive style.

James W. White, Executive Director

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